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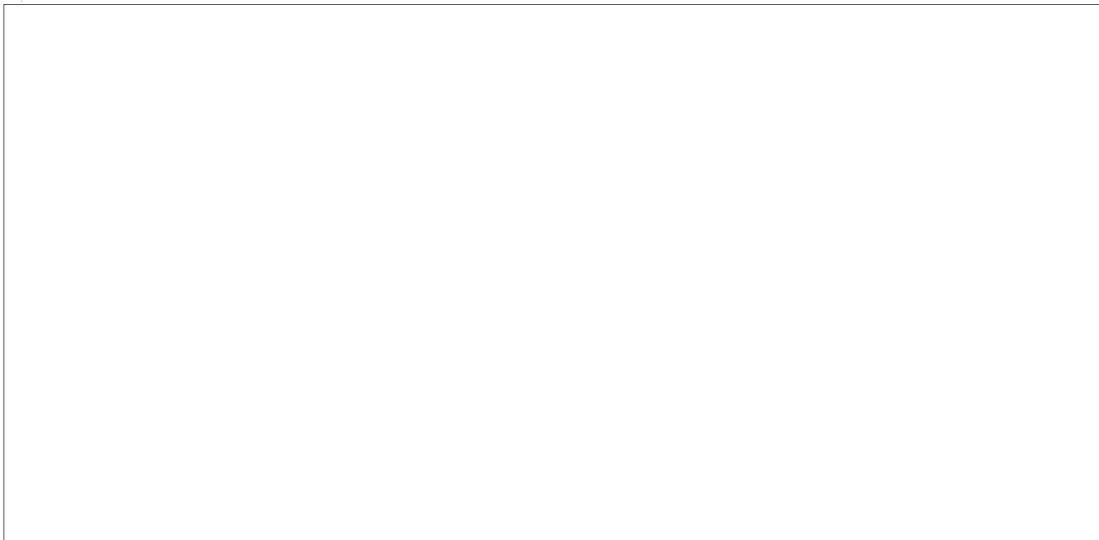
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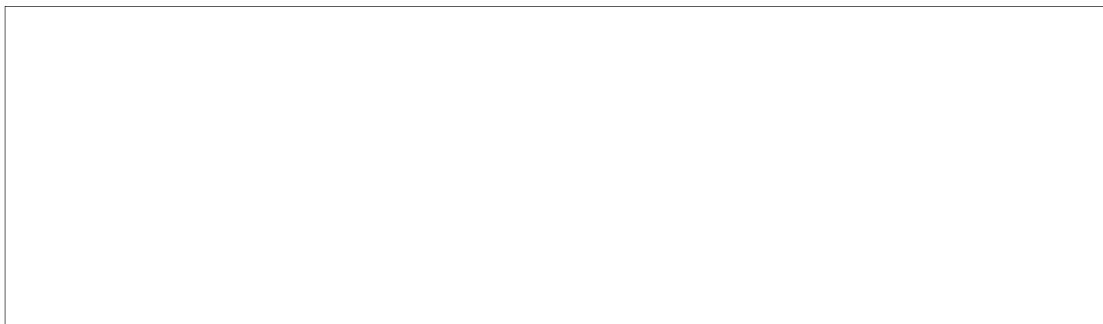
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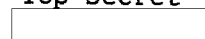
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INDIA-FRANCE-US: Nuclear Fuel Issue

India has told the US it will not agree to the French requirement for permanent safeguards on French nuclear fuel for India's reactors at Tarapur. The French say New Delhi has rejected all proposed compromises. The US Embassy in New Delhi believes failure to resolve the question will dissipate much of the good will created by Prime Minister Gandhi's recent visit to the US. [redacted]

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1-4 Comment: India's need for reactor fuel, France's stated willingness to approve vaguely worded safeguards, and India's dependence on French technical assistance to bring its fast breeder test reactor into operation make compromise more likely. A deal with the USSR for fuel would impose safeguards as stringent as the original French request and force India to violate its agreement with the US. [redacted]

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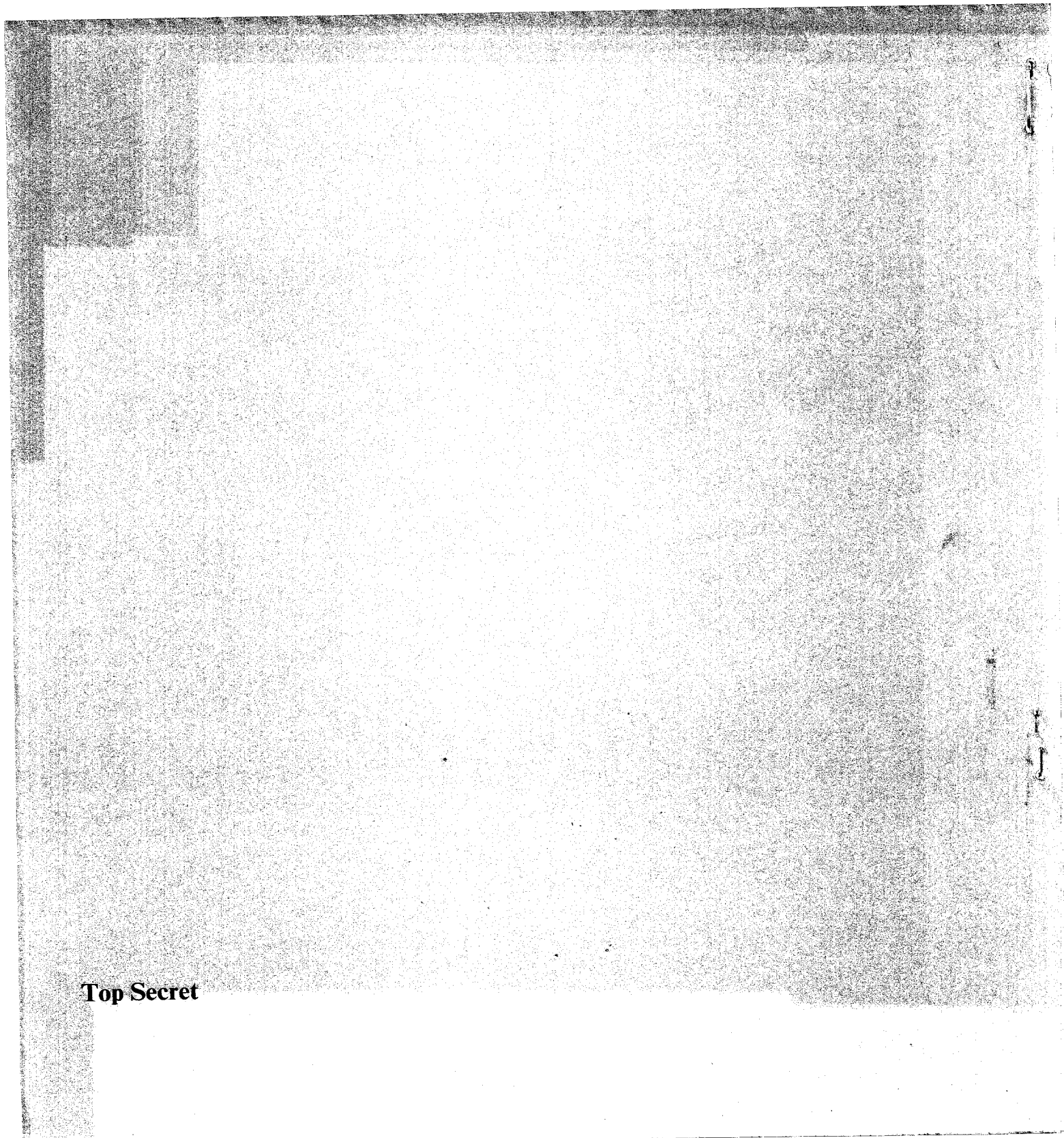
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